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The Fiji survey was conducted in late September of 2004. The sample of surveyed outlets covered the entire country, which in practice means the two main islands of Viti Levu and Vanua Levu, as the hundreds of smaller islands in Fiji's archipelago have no retail pharmacies. Three retail pharmacies were later dropped because of consent refusal or methodological issues, leaving a final sample of 36 private retail pharmacies. Public sector procurement prices were obtained for this survey, but availability of medicines in public facilities, where medicines are provided free of charge, was not assessed. There are a limited number of dispensing doctors in Fiji. The survey attempted to cover this sector also but the final sample was too small to be analyzed reliably and was dropped.